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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: SWISS WATCHES

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1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS INFORMED US THAT UNDER PREFILING PROCEDURE, A CIVIL SUIT AND CONSENT DECREE WERE FILED CONCURRENTLY JANUARY 30 AGAINST OMEGA LOUIS BRANDT ET FRERE S.A., CHS. TISSOT ET FILS S.A., SOCIETE SUISSE POUR L'INDUSTRIE HORLOGERE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, S.A., AND THEIR TWO INDEPENDENT U.S. DISTRIBUTORS, NORMAN MORRIS CORPORATION AND NORMAN MORRIS ASSOCIATES, THAT WILL ENJOIN ALL PARTIES FROM COMBINING AND CONSPIRING TO ELIMINATE THE IMPORTATION OF OMEGA AND TISSOT WATCHES INTO AND SALE WITHIN THE U.S. BY THIRD PARTIES.

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2. THE CONSENT AGREEMENT WAS WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE DEFENDANTS AND COUNSEL FOR
THE GOS TO THE MUTUAL SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PURSUANT TO 1967 OECD RECOMMENDA-
TION ON COOPERATION ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES,
REQUEST THAT EMBASSY INFORM APPROPRIATE GOS AUTHORITIES
OF THE FOREGOING ACTION. KISSINGER

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